

# **Decision Record - Memorandum**

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# **Chapter 1. Dalton Highway MP 267 Holden Creek Bridge Replacement**

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## 1.1. Compliance

The proposed action is in conformance with the Utility Corridor RMP, because it is clearly consistent with the following RMP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): Appendix N, Lands Program Objective 1, Implementing Action 7, found on page N-8, which states:

7. Continue to process all discretionary applications. Approve use authorization applications with emphasis given to previously disturbed sites. Use authorizations include the following:

- a. Rights-of-way for access roads, pipelines, power lines, utilities, railroads, etc.
- b. Temporary use permits in conjunction with rights-of-way.
- c. Leases, permits, and easements pursuant to Section 302 of FLPMA.

## 1.2. Selected Action

It is my decision to approve AKDOT&PF's request for a temporary construction permit for space immediately east of the Dalton Highway right-of-way, for the purpose of providing a detour to prevent disruption of traffic during replacement of the Holden Creek bridge. A temporary use permit will be issued for this activity.

## 1.3. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 4, E. 16, which states; "Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits, or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes."

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

## 1.4. Public Involvement:

Public notice for availability of DOI-BLM-AK-F03000-2013-0013-CX was posted on the BLM's NEPA website.

## 1.5. Rationale:

1. The action is categorically excluded and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.
2. The Proposed Action will not significantly restrict Essential Fish Habitat.
3. There are no anticipated impacts to Wilderness areas.
4. The Proposed Action will not significantly restrict subsistence uses.

5. There are no anticipated impacts to cultural resources.

## **1.6. Appeal or Protest Opportunities:**

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4 and DOI Form 1842-1. The notice of appeal must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management Central Yukon Field Office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision.

## **1.7. Authorizing Official:**

/S/ Nichelle W Jacobson — 8/12/13

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Date

## **1.8. Contact Person**

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